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Jeff Denbow and Billy Lamana Named Harford County Employees of the Month for August 2013

Emergency Services Employees Praised for Saving Lives

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Department of Emergency Services employees Jeff Denbow and Billy Lamana have been named the Harford County Employees of the Month for August 2013. Both are dispatchers with the Department of Emergency Services.

The two men were recognized for their quick-thinking during a multi-alarm fire with Mayday incident in Joppa on June 18. The two men monitored the radio activity and assisted in an evacuation order to help get firefighters away from the building. They also helped initiate dispatch Mayday procedures, which unifies those that are unaccounted for at the scene. All firefighters were found. The quick actions of Denbow and Lamana are believed to have potentially saved firefighters' lives.

"I truly believe their background in the fire service assisted in a positive outcome for all units operating on the scene. Both men remained calm and took control of the channel during the most stressful time of the fire," said Assistant Fire Chief Jason R. Freund with Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company.

Public Safety Supervisor Robert Holloway nominated the two men for the award. He says the two dispatchers made it easy for firefighters to communicate with each other and get out of the building safely.

"Jeff and Billy should be commended for their quick thinking. Their job knowledge is thorough and they saved lives of fellow firefighters," said Robert Holloway, Public Safety Supervisor with the Department of Emergency Services.

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Caption: Jeff Denbow and Billy Lamana of the Department of Emergency Services receive their Employee of the Month awards from Harford County Executive David R. Craig.